

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY**

NEWS RELEASE FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007

Alabama and Mississippi Emergency Management Agencies to join forces for the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
annual Hurricane Conference

BILOXI—The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is pleased to combine its hurricane conference with the Mississippi Emergency Management agency for the second consecutive year. The conference gives both agencies a chance to share lessons learned as well as plans for the future. This forum will feature a number of guest speakers such as Michael Chertoff, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; David Paulison, Director of FEMA; William Proenza, Director, National Hurricane Center and Alabama Governor Bob Riley.

In Director Baughman's state of the state, he will discuss enhancements to AEMA and our operational priorities before and after a hurricane makes landfall, just to name a few. This 2007 hurricane season is predicted to be an active year, and the annual conference is just one of the many ways for AEMA to make sure we are prepared. This year marks the fourth year our agency has participated in an annual hurricane conference. Alabama hosted the two-state conference last year in Mobile and this year Mississippi is hosting the conference in Biloxi.

Who: David Paulison, Michael Chertoff, William Proenza, Governor Bob Riley &  
Governor Haley Barbour

What: Mississippi-Alabama Hurricane News Conference

When: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at noon

Where: Imperial Palace Casinos, Royal Hall C&D (Biloxi, Mississippi)